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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Proposed Study on Terrorism

1. Pursuant to the OMS proposal on studies relating to terrorist activities, I met with [] head of the International Terrorist Group. He has been in this business for about three years and is conversant with on-going activities. His staff numbers about []

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[] advises that the responsibility in regard to terrorist activities lies with the State Department. A committee was formed some time ago consisting of participants of about eight agencies including the CIA. This committee has a working group which meets much more frequently. The Agency representative on the working group is Mr. []

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2. I raised with [] the question of the appropriateness of our remarks being addressed to his group. It was his feeling that this would be the appropriate recipient in the Agency. He stated that he was aware that there had been previous conversation between members of his staff and OMS and at this point he and his staff were awaiting OMS suggestions. He went on to say that the larger committee has approached the question of terrorism from a variety of aspects. One study ongoing includes a detailed review and analysis of the events in Khartoum. The committee has also convened a group of experts from a variety of sources on at least one occasion to consider the subject of terrorism per se. [] believes there may be some other attempts in these general directions. He hopes to pull such material together and make it available to our office.

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3. As we discussed the overall subject it became clear that the Agency group is interested in international terrorism as distinct from terrorist activities of local limitation

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25X1A or those terrorist activities characteristic of police states.
It also appears that the group is focused primarily on the
collection and analysis of international terrorist activities
using those intelligence methods that are customary to the
business. As a result [] and his staff are concerned
with who, what, when and where. The use of the disciplines
of the behavioral sciences would be a further refinement and
an add-on to their overall expertise and development. Mr.
25X1A [] feels an immediate practical contribution could be in
terms of employee orientation and that this might blend with
the training program []

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4. It was agreed that we would meet again shortly and
discuss the memorandum that had been prepared to determine
its appropriateness for forwarding to [] office.

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